

CRITIC DARES FORD TO REVEAL RECORDS

L. D. Smith Condemns Public Printer for Political Favoritism.

(Continued from First Page.)
duced salary, while his place was taken by a Democrat, a constituent of Mr. Graham, of Illinois, who never had prepared a line of copy, and is still under instruction. He does not even turn a record of the work he does. Ask Mr. Ford if this is not true.

The same individual was brought into the room as a "timekeeper." He displaced a man who received proof-readers' pay, while he was given the job at an increased rate, the rate of a copy preparer. Mr. Ford probably calls that "efficiency." I call it rank injustice, and an evasion of law.

An editorial chief was requested, first to a copy preparer, and later to a proofreader's desk. He was "doubled up" with a Democrat who had never read proof, and is not competent to do so, as any honest man will admit who sees his work. When the transfers were made last Tuesday the good reader was sent to day work and the incompetent was retained on night work at a premium of 20 per cent extra.

A Republican Demoted.
On the referee's desk in the night proof room a Republican was demoted, although the latter was without experience. There were no charges against the demoted man, and the Public Printer himself told the man so.

Not long ago the Public Printer placed on the office rolls a man so old that he could not get employment in any office of the country. His remuneration was so great that he was pensioned by the local typographical union. He was made a "copyholder" at a salary of 60 cents an hour. Does that look like efficiency?

The Times is on the right track. I hope it will find room in its columns for the letters of its readers, and will stand afar to the truth of this, and many others in the office can confirm it. Let us be specific and Mr. Ford will lose.

Respectfully,
L. D. SMITH.

Anonymous Writer Upholds Mr. Ford

To the Editor of THE TIMES:
Believing you stand for fairness, the following is submitted:

In your issue of the 26th inst., much headline space was given to certain promotion of Democrats and demotion of Republicans in the G. P. O. On the surface it would seem rather startling to the uninformed who read that article.

During the last several years such prominence had never been given the promotion of these demoted Republicans with the thousands of others, over-deserving Democrats; but they took place just the same. Then why take prominence given when an official attempts to adjust matters as they should be, or rather to administer the "civil service system," as was intended?

Practically for a half-century the Republican party has been in control of the Federal Government, and in service in the executive departments right here in Washington, though a portion of that time the so-called "civil service system" was supposed to be in effect.

At times this "system" did not provide any basis for the "faithful G. P. men," as they were employed temporarily and then blanketed in permanent later on, the crowning act of this thing which the "faithful" placed the fourth class postmasters under the "system," thereby paying off his political debts or remembering the "faithful."

No flaming headlines heralded the news when this Republican dragnet was spread, while extended over the entire country. Why such a great excitement when the Democrats are being given an equal chance?

It has long been known that if ever an attempt was made to properly enforce civil service rules many of the faithful of the G. O. P. would suffer, and realizing this, each Presidential and Congressional election year, Republican schemers have appeared prominently around the departments and admonished the faithful to go home and help with their money and votes to save the country.

The lambos know their mother when she bleats to them. Any insurrection was promptly cast away with the Democrats when the promotion table was being reached. Many things may have been considered necessary to a clerk's promotion, but the greatest of them all was to present a record where they had "given cheerfully" and never narrowed their ballot by scratching it.

"The work has turned" and on the surface the greatest friends now of the civil service are among the Republicans.

It is not our purpose to discuss the merits or demerits of the civil service system in this letter for long ago we learned not to speak of the dead unless we could say something about them. Let us hope that it will be the purpose of the Democratic party to establish a record of "real" civil service making it end of the cause of promotion the "faithful."

December 27, 1913. A TEXAN.

G. P. O. Incident Shows G.O.P. Hypocrisy, He Says

To the Editor of THE TIMES:
Sir: Knowest thou not that "Omnia mutantur, nec mutatio finis habet." Your scorching call for attention to the Government Printing Office and stating "Efficiency test queries follows political faith of the employees" shows, on its face, the hypocrisy of the Republican party.

If the promotion of thirty-nine Democrats were made only after demoting thirty-nine Republicans in high places, it seems to me that the choice places must have been filled by Republicans to the exclusion of the Democrats during the Republican Administration, and the pain suffered by them in being "weaned" from the "nap" causes the outcry against promotions made because of political faith. It is ludicrous to hear the Republicans cry for the civil service to protect them, when they were appointed and promoted because they were Republicans and without regard to civil service rules. The civil service was not applied to them when they were in power save to retard the progress of Democrats.

In one office in this city there is a force of approximately 500 men. Of this number 20 per cent are known to be Democrats, and 15 per cent are known as Republicans, yet of the 2,000 grade all the clerks in the same are Republicans; 70 per cent

POINT WHERE VESSEL WENT AGROUND, AND SINGER ABOARD



MAP OF TORRES STRAIT WHERE THE TASMÁN IS AGROUND WITH STRAIT MME. NORDICA ON BOARD



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FIVE-MAN TEAM SETS NEW RECORD

Crack Shots of Rifle Association Make 993, High Score for District Marksmen.

The highest score ever made in the District of Columbia by a five-man rifle team was accomplished Saturday night in the short range league team competition at the Center Market Armory rifle gallery.

The marksmen were the crack shots of the District of Columbia Rifle Association, and the score was 993. The men shot 22-caliber rifles at seventy-five feet. The scores follow: Sergt. Ollie Schriver, 200; Sergt. E. H. Gerber, 200; Lieut. A. G. Schmidt, 198; Sergt. C. E. Groom, 198, and Sergt. Frank J. Kahn, 195. Thirty-one other teams also competed.

The second week's shoot in the Inter-club division of the National Rifle Association found the District of Columbia sharpshooters falling four points behind their rivals of the first week. The five-man team totaled 988 Saturday, while a week ago the score of 992 was made.

The local marksmen in this competition, and the marks they made Saturday follow: C. E. Groom, 198; F. J. Kahn, 195; Ollie Schriver, 198; A. G. Schmidt, 197, and Capt. R. Alderman, 196. Twenty-eight clubs are competing for the handsome trophy offered by the War Department and for the individual medals for the winners in this event. The competition will continue for ten weeks. The District of Columbia marksmen were second in the competition last year.

Declaring for many years there will be enough business for both the express companies and the parcel post, Post-office Department officials deny with emphasis the intimation from the Interstate Commerce Commission that extension of the parcel post business means destruction of the express companies.

It is pointed out by the department that a large proportion of the parcel post business was traffic which was "new," in that it had been developed by the postal service itself, and therefore had not been handled in past years by express companies. A desire to see a statistical report of the business of the express companies during the past two weeks compared with a report for a similar period a year ago was expressed by department officials. This would show, they said, whether the express companies had been the losers. There is no way to determine any increase in parcel post, because this is the first Christmas it has been operative.

Oh, Joy, He's Unable To Smell Stockyards
CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—"Jimmy" Bugle, in charge of the memorial hall of the G. A. R. in the public library, considers himself the luckiest veteran that ever came out of a battle. For fifty years "Jimmy" hasn't been able to smell—and his home is near the stockyards.

"It happened this way," explained "Jimmy" today. "I was only a kid fifteen—but I could shoot like the dickens, and they let me go along with Governor Yates' sharpshooters."

"We were doing fine. Atlanta on the morning of July 22, 1864, when the rebels charged us. All I remember was a yell and when I came back I had been asleep about three weeks. A bullet had hit me in the head and killed my sense of smell. Ever since I moved over by the stockyards I've had a hanker-some to get that smell that laid me out, and congratulate him."

Gold From Her Teeth Buys Food for Family
PONTIAC, Mich., Dec. 28.—A Pontiac dentist tells this story: A woman, whose name was not given out, in the days of the prosperity attendant on "a steady job," held by the head of the house, came to him and had a good deal of work done on her teeth. A number of gold fillings were made and the bill paid.

The husband lost his place. A little credit was obtained for the necessities of life, but horror of debt was strong in the household. There were little mouths to be filled, though, and the

Legislative News
Big Coal Production.
Coal production in 1913 took a 40,000,000-ton jump above the figures for 1912. Edward W. Parker, coal statistician for the Geological Survey, says there will be a total production of 575,000,000 tons at the end of the present year. The decrease in the production of fuel oil in the Middle West stimulated coal production.

Slated for Police Head.
Gen. Charles F. Humphrey, U. S. A., retired, admitted that he has been under consideration by the Mitchell administration in New York as a possible police commissioner, but this knowledge, he said, came from private sources. The general said he would give it careful consideration if the appointment was tendered him.

Sailors To Hospital.
Six hundred members of the crew of the battleship Ohio were taken ashore at Lewis, Del., on Sunday night and confined to the Marine Hospital, where they will remain fourteen days. The Ohio is being fumigated, about 250 members of the crew remaining aboard to engage in this work. Smallpox broke out among the crew during the return from the Mediterranean.

To Open Postoffices.
Four new postoffice buildings will be opened between January 15 and 31, according to advice received by Postmaster General Burleson this afternoon: Johnston, N. Y.; Mansfield, Ohio; Perogov, Oklahoma; and Marshall, Missouri.

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Dr. Bauer is a graduate of Harvard College and of Harvard Medical School. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Bauer, of Jamaica Plains. Mrs. Bauer is a daughter of Mrs. Irving Meredith, of the same place. The couple are planning to make their temporary home in Washington.

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Flays His Children, Pining for Mother
PATCHOQUE, Long Island, Dec. 28.—Confessing that he had beaten his two young children, who were crying, he could scarcely stand, Carl Enline, thirty-five years old, owner of a forty-acre farm, found today shot to death in the Patchogue jail on the complaint of Mrs. Antonia Francis, his sister-in-law. The children, Katherine, three, and Charles, two, were placed in Mrs. Francis' care.

Their frail bodies are striped with the marks of a heavy trunk strap, and in many cases the flesh is raw.

Enline's sole explanation for his act is that the children constantly refuse to take over the fields, crying for their mother, Mrs. Anna Enline, who ran away from the home of the wife and mother every day for a month to similar treatment.

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COUCH "LOVE SLAVE" HAS DISAPPEARED

Adelaide Brance Boards Train for Liberty, N. Y., and Drops Out of Sight.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The whereabouts of Adelaide M. Brance, "love slave," was a much a mystery to Monticello today as was her presence before the sudden death of Melvin H. Couch in her arms revealed their tragic life story.

Railway people said a woman of her description boarded a train at Fallburgh Station, buying a ticket for Liberty, N. Y. She did not alight there, and it was presumed that she paid her fare on the train to a point further west.

Gossip here said Miss Brance would spend a short time in a nearby town and then go to Palmer, Iowa, to make her home with her brother William.

Men in Bread Line Have Own Committee
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Unemployed men, who complained that the Co-operative Employment Bureau kept them in the bread line too long, and supplied them with badly prepared and insufficient food, have received permission from the board of supervisors to organize their own culinary committee. It is estimated that there are 20,000 idle men, of whom 1,000 have no place to sleep.

The plaza district in Los Angeles, where, in a riot, among unemployed men, one was killed and more than a dozen were injured, is virtually under martial law.

Police Captain Murray charges that the riot was deliberately fomented, and that evidence tends to show that the Industrial Workers of the World were involved in the trouble.

Term Nickels Defective.
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—The "Buffalo nickels" of the last issue are defective, according to coin experts in a number of the Pittsburgh banks. The fault is on the buffalo side, where the "T" of "five" under the bison is partially obliterated. The stretch of ground upon which the bison is standing is also a little more expansive than it has been on previous coins of the same design. It is probable that the die from which the nickels were struck will be destroyed, the bankers say.

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ABINGDON, Mass., Dec. 29.—Three child burglars, one of them a flaxen-haired girl of fourteen years named Thelma Lacey, this morning led two police officials to a cache in the woods where they had buried the loot, taken from twenty-one summer residences which have been robbed during the last two weeks. Silverware, cameras, telescopes, watches, porcelain and miscellaneous articles, valued at nearly \$1,000 were recovered by the authorities, the three children making a full confession. Suspicion devolved upon them through their repeated trips into the woods with baskets which were packed with heavy articles covered with leaves.

Three Arrested With Outfit of Pirates
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Local detectives today continued their investigation of Charles King, Joseph Brown, and H. G. Hanson, arrested at Richmond, when dynamite, firearms with silencers, and a clockwork bomb were found in their sailboat. According to the police, King was the leader. All three